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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Task Force to Study General Aviation Issues in Maryland -**
3 **Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study General Aviation Issues in
5 Maryland; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the
6 Governor to appoint the chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to
7 examine certain environmental, safety, and security issues regarding general
8 aviation in Maryland and to make certain recommendations; providing for
9 reimbursement for the expenses of a member of the Task Force; providing for
10 the staff of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report to the Governor
11 and the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Task Force to Study
13 General Aviation Issues in Maryland.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That:

16 (a) There is a Task Force to Study General Aviation Issues in Maryland.

17 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) a member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House;

20 (2) a member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
21 the Senate;

22 (3) a representative of the Maryland Aviation Administration, appointed
23 by the Secretary of Transportation; and

24 (4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

25 (i) a representative of a county planning board;

26 (ii) one member of the general public who lives in close proximity to
27 a general aviation airport;

1 (iii) one member of the general public who is a general aviation
2 pilot; and

3 (iv) an operator or a manager of a general aviation airport in the
4 State.

5 (c) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the Task Force.

6 (d) The Task Force shall:

7 (1) examine environmental problems experienced by communities that
8 are in close proximity to general aviation airports, including any problems with low
9 flying aircraft;

10 (2) examine safety concerns of communities that are in close proximity to
11 general aviation airports;

12 (3) examine safety and land use compatibility issues relating to general
13 aviation airports;

14 (4) examine security issues regarding general aviation airports,
15 including:

16 (i) determining whether flight schools and flight school students
17 are adequately monitored;

18 (ii) determining whether information regarding pilots who, and
19 aircraft that, take off from and land in general aviation airports is adequately
20 recorded; and

21 (iii) reviewing the authority of the federal, State, and local
22 governments with respect to security and law enforcement at general aviation
23 airports; and

24 (5) recommend any changes:

25 (i) to alleviate any environmental problems experienced by or
26 safety concerns of communities that are in close proximity to general aviation
27 airports;

28 (ii) to update standards and guidelines for land use in areas
29 surrounding general aviation airports in the State; or

30 (iii) that State and local authorities should pursue to facilitate
31 security and law enforcement for general aviation airports.

32 (e) A member of the Task Force:

33 (1) may not receive compensation; but

1 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
2 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

3 (f) The Maryland Aviation Administration shall provide staff support for the
4 Task Force.

5 (g) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and
6 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
7 Article, to the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2005.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 June 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the
10 end of November 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
11 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.